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SUBJECT: ECUADOR - OPIUM PRODUCTION

REF: QUITO 763, DEA 3252

1. QUITO 763 REQUESTED INFORMATION ON AERIAL PHOTO TECHNIQUES USED SUCCESSFULLY TO LOCATE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION. PARA ONE AND THREE OF DEA 3252 INDICATE THAT WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO PROBLEM-FREE TECHNIQUE.

2. IN READING PARA TWO AND FOUR OF DEA 3252, MISSION SHOULD KEEP IN MIND QUESTION OF AERIAL OR GROUND SURVEY ASSISTANCE FOR ECUADOR HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN LATIN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE (LAINCC) AND IS NOT RPT NOT PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR
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DISCUSSION.

3. PARA FIVE OF DEA 3252 SUGGESTS MISSION BEGIN "CAM-PAIGNING" WITH GOE ON DESIRABILITY OF HERBICIDE USE IF AND WHEN OPIUM POPPIES LOCATED. WE AGREE THAT DESTRUCTION SHOULD FOLLOW DISCOVERY, BUT METHOD OF DESTRUCTION IS MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY GOE RPT GOE. SHOULD GOE REQUEST TECHNICAL INFORMATION OR ADVICE ON HERBICIDE USE WE WOULD EXPECT TO ANSWER ITS QUESTIONS, BUT BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL

POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS HERE AND IN ECUADOR, U.S. MISSION REPRESENTATIVES MUST NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO BE ADVOCATING USE OF HERBICIDES TO MEET AN AS YET UNDEFINED THREAT. INGERSOLL

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